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Hello members of this hearing on the proposed mining and dumping site in the Dewey Burdock area. Thank you for giving me this time to express my concerns with the mining and dumping proposal.

My name is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP), I hold a Bachelors of Science degree from Black Hills State University. and I am opposed to the EPA granting any license to not only mine uranium but also to permit dumping of toxic waste into the Minilusa aquifer or any place here in the Black Hills or the world for that matter.

Your reports claim that there is no potable water in the Minilusa aquifer is untrue, if what our well driller told us about our well over 20 years ago, here in the outskirts of Hot Springs which was, was water from the Minilusa aquifer and more importantly that our water from the well was deemed the best in the county when tested. then I have a major concern about your proposed license to mine and dump toxic and radioactive waste into any aquifer. We have been living on this water for many years and it taste delicious. Our live stock, plants and anything living on our property benefits from this clean ,nourishing water.

Members of this hearing, we all are living in a symbiotic relationship with all living beings on this planet, be it microscopic or macroscopic. Our actions have an effect on all. it is important that any action made should benefit all. not just the majority or not just the the minority, but all concerned. Any decision to pollute the water, anymore than you claim it already is, will affect the balance of life on this planet. You can not control radioactive material which typically has a half life of 4.5 billion years and there are many such sites that have failed and lead to birth defects and illness in humans and animals alike.

After reading research of hazardous waste water purification treatments and the effect of Heavy metal salts and other hazardous chemicals on biological systems from Linsey McLean, I learned that Heavy metal poisoning affects the the hormonal balance by not only acting as hormone disruptors but also creating xenohormones which can and does lead to cancers and other severe illnesses.

Water is essential to all living organisms and should be protected not polluted. If you allow any dumping of toxic and radioactive waste here int he Black Hills or anywhere you will have to endure the Karma for such actions. The law of karma is exacting and no one has the right to pollute the water in which we all must partake in to survive.